

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for permanently dyeing hair comprising subjecting a person's hair to a number of treatments, having a set time interval between each two consecutive treatments, wherein each treatment comprises:

a) contacting the hair with a recently prepared mixture of a colorant composition comprising:

A) an alkaline dye composition comprising:

- (i) an effective amount to color hair of at least one dye intermediate;
- (ii) from about 0.1 to about 25% by weight based on the colorant composition of a water soluble ammonium carbonate or carbamate salt;
- (iii) from ~~1 to 5%~~ 1.5 to 4% by weight based on the colorant composition of a chelant; and
- (iv) a cosmetically acceptable carrier comprising water;

B) an oxidizing composition comprising:

- (i) from 0.1 to 15% by weight based on the colorant composition of a peroxide compound; and
- (ii) a cosmetically acceptable carrier;

wherein the amount of the ammonium carbonate or carbamate salt relative to the chelant is in a weight ratio of about 4:1 to about 1:2

b) rinsing the mixture from hair with water;

wherein the hair is contacted with the colorant composition for a period of about 5 seconds to about 5 minutes.

2. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1 wherein the chelant is selected from the group consisting of aminocarboxylic acids, amino phosphonic acids, polyphosphoric acids and mixtures thereof including their salts.
3. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the chelant is a salt of ethylene diamine tetraacetic acid.
4. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the ammonium salt is ammonium carbonate.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein contact time on the hair is no longer than 2 minutes.
7. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the number of treatments is at least six.
8. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the colorant composition relative to an amount of a person's hair is applied in a weight ratio of about 1:10 to about 1:2.
9. (Currently amended) A kit for permanently dyeing hair comprising:
 - (a) a colorant composition packaged as a part A and a part B separate from one another until just before use, part A being a dye intermediate composition comprising:
 - (i) an effective amount to color hair of at least one dye intermediate;
 - (ii) from about 0.1 to about 25% by weight of the colorant composition of a water soluble ammonium carbonate or carbamate salt;
 - (iii) from ~~4 to 5%~~ 1.5 to 4% by weight of the colorant composition of a chelant; and
 - (iv) a cosmetically acceptable carrier-comprising water; wherein Part A has a pH of between about 9.7 and 10.1; and

part B being an oxidizing composition comprising:

- (i) from 0.1 to 15% by weight of the colorant composition of a peroxide compound;
- (ii) a cosmetically acceptable carrier;

- (b) instructions for use of the colorant composition comprising applying a recently made mixture of part A and part B onto the person's hair followed by a rinse with water;

wherein the amount of the ammonium carbonate or carbamate salt relative to the chelant is in a weight ratio of about 4:1 to about 1:2.

- 10. (Original) The kit according to claim 9 wherein the chelant is selected from the group aminocarboxylic acids, amino phosphonic acids, polyphosphoric acids and mixtures thereof including their salts.
- 11. (Original) The kit according to claim 9 wherein the chelant is a salt of ethylene diamine tetraacetic acid.
- 12. (Original) The kit according to claim 9 wherein the ammonium salt is ammonium carbonate.
- 13. (Cancelled).
- 14. (Original) The kit according to claim 9 wherein the colorant composition relative to an amount of a person's hair is applied in a weight ratio of about 1:10 to about 1:2.
- 15. (Cancelled)
- 16. (Previously Presented) A method as described in claim 1 wherein the alkaline dye composition comprises from about 2 to about 3% by weight, based on the colorant composition, of a chelant.

17. (Cancelled).
18. (Previously Presented) A kit as described in claim 9 wherein the dye intermediate composition comprises from about 2 to about 3% by weight, based on the colorant composition, of a chelant.
19. (New) A method as described in claim 1 wherein the alkaline dye composition has a pH of between about 9.7 and 10.1
20. (New) A method as described in claim 1 wherein the alkaline dye composition further comprises an alkalizing agent consisting essentially of a metal hydroxide.